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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT: SEKONDI-TAKORADI'S PARTICIPATION IN OGP LOCAL

In 2016, the city government of Sekondi-Takoradi was selected to join the OGP as one of the 15 subnational governments in the pioneers' tier program. Since joining the program, the OGP has supported Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) to make ambitious commitments, share ideas and experiences, and now citizens and civil society organisations are using OGP to spur change at the local level.

The Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly hereby renew its participation in the OGP Local Program to advance our long-term OGP vision to engender trust and confidence and broaden the participation of citizens in local governance through the creation of an enabling environment that is rooted in sustainable development and open government principles. By renewing our participation in the OGP Local, STMA will continue to harness the benefits a multilateral initiative offers in strengthening constructive engagements between local reformers in the provision of transformative local solutions that advance the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly reaffirms our commitment to the implementation of our current three key ambitious commitments in the area of; 1. climate resilience, 2. building synergies to impact water and sanitation outcomes, and 3. improve responsiveness and efficiency in service delivery through E-government. All the three commitments are expected to be completed by the end of December 2026. These commitments seek to promote ambitious open government reforms that stretch the government beyond its current state of practice, significantly improving the status quo by strengthening transparency, accountability, public participation and Technology and Innovation in government. Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly will build on the gains from the implementation of the current commitments and co-create a new action plan in 2027 with support from its Civil society's partners.

Again, Sekondi-Takoradi reaffirms our commitment to serves as one of the voluntary coordinators of the Network of Open Local Governments in Africa and the Middle East to help strengthening local-level reforms across the region.

We remain committed to advance the OGP values and principles and continuing working with the OGP community to better the lives of our citizens.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frederick Faidoo', is written over a horizontal line.

HON. FREDERICK FESTINUS FAIDOO
METROPOLITAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE